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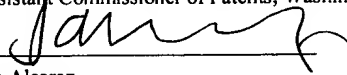
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AND SCREENING METHODS AND
COMPOSITIONS FOR USE THEREOF

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the document is also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make this document of record.

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